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Applicant: Nicholas AYACHE et al
Title: APPARATUS FOR SIMULATING THE DEFORMATION OF MATERIALS, NOTABLY OF SOFT BODY TISSUES
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